**ABSTRACT** 

A method and apparatus for a unique digital signature is provided. According to

one aspect of the invention, a unique digital signature comprises an adapted digital

signature and a service id. The adapted digital signature provides temporary or restricted

privileges for a particular electronic service. In one embodiment, the electronic service is

electronic message forwarding. In another embodiment, the electronic service is

electronic media delivery. An authentication log file is maintained for recording status

information concerning unique digital signatures.

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